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# THE Daily Eastern News

"Tell the truth and don't be afraid"

## Nearly 800 students attend forum



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Student Senate member Jim Lowery, a sophomore sociology major, waits for more students to participate in the senate's promotion "What Has Senate Done Lately?" Wednesday afternoon. Despite the bad weather many students came out to speak with senate members and enjoy free pizza and pop.

By **ANDREA FREIDINGER**  
Staff writer

Freezing temperatures and snowy weather didn't stop nearly 800 students from coming out to meet current and prospective Student Senate members Wednesday afternoon at the "What Has the Senate Done For You Lately?" forum on the Library Quad.

The open forum was held to improve communication between Student Government and the student body. Senate members served free pizza and soda to those stopping by the forum. Students were also given questionnaires about Student Government's effectiveness.

Senate member Mike Treis, organizer of the event, said the forum served its purpose of addressing stu-

dent concerns. "I am very pleased with the student turnout, considering the cold weather and snow that hit us," Treis said. "I am anxious to look at the surveys. A small committee consisting of two to three people will be formed to start action immediately on the most important issues students mentioned."

Senate member Matt Thrun said he hopes the forum will increase communication and make students realize what the senate is about.

"I have heard concerns from students about the administration and the barentry age being raised from 19 to 21," Thrun added.

Amy England, a graduate student at Eastern, said she

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## Local bar petitions for a restraining order: Muller

By **TRAVIS SPENCER**  
City editor

A Charleston attorney representing a local bar is petitioning for a temporary restraining order so the city cannot enforce the first 30-day liquor license suspension handed down in more than six years.

S. John Muller, attorney for Stu's Surfside, 1405 Fourth St., filed a petition for a temporary restraining order at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday to prevent Stu's from beginning a city-imposed 30-day suspension. Muller said if the restraining order is granted, City Liquor Commissioner Dan Cougill can't enforce the suspension until the Illinois Liquor Commission rules on an appeal the bar made earlier this week.

Muller filed an appeal with the Illinois Liquor Commission Monday after Cougill found Stu's guilty of its third liquor violation within a year. The appeal opposes Cougill's decision to suspend the bar's liquor license.

Stu's is scheduled to begin serving its suspension Friday.

A temporary restraining order allows a brief time period for a court to decide if a more lasting order maintaining the status quo is needed.

Muller said a hearing on the restraining order will be held at 2:30 or 3 p.m. today in the Coles County Circuit Courthouse.

"Usually a request for a (temporary restraining order) is answered without notice," Muller said.

However, he said since the temporary restraining order is in connection with the city, it has to be done through a hearing.

If the temporary restraining order is granted, a hearing for a preliminary injunction will

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## Senate airs housing concerns

By **DAVE HOSICK**  
Student government editor

President David Jorns spoke to the Student Senate Wednesday night in reference to issues discussed in his State of the University address as well as issues of importance to Student Government.

Jorns responded to questions from senate members concerning needed improvements to the University Apartments. The apartments currently house graduate students as well as students with children.

"I think as of right now there are about 60 children living in these apartments," Jorns said. "I am aware that repairs need to be made, but I can not tell (the Senate) to what extent renovation at the apartments have been included in the renovation schedule (of university housing)."

One suggestion which senate members made was to use the excess funds left from the refinancing of revenue bonds which will be used to expand Greek Court Housing.

"There will definitely be some money set aside for repairs to the University Apartments," Jorns said. "It is possible that some of the money from the Greek Court expansion will be used. It is expected that less than half of the money made from refinancing revenue bonds will be used for Greek Court."

Student Senate passed a resolution asking for these improvements as a result of surveys which a senate committee distributed to the apartment residents.

Amy Jobin, a graduate student

## University sells bonds for finance

By **BRIAN HUCHEL**  
Campus editor

The university is selling bonds in order to finance a number of university construction projects, including several projects in the University Apartments and Greek Court.

More than \$8 million will be used to fund a number of various improvement projects. Among those projects is the repairing of several University Apartment roofs and floor tiles and construction in Greek Court.

A survey distributed by last week by Shirley Von Bokel, executive vice president of the Student Senate, found residents of University Apartments hav-

ing complaints about several areas of the accommodations including broken sidewalks, rusty window sills and water and rust damage.

Six new buildings are also being constructed in Greek Court to house Sigma Sigma Sigma, Sigma Kappa, Zeta Phi Beta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Delta Sigma Theta sororities and Phi Beta Sigma fraternity.

Vice President of Business Affairs Charles Colbert said the university does not usually resort to selling bonds in order to fund campus construction projects.

"We have rehabilitation work on the campus, such as minor repairs, that is paid for through

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who is a member of the committee, asked the senate for their approval of the resolution she authored along with Shirley Von Bokel, executive vice president of Student Senate.

"The conditions at these apartments are just deplorable," Jobin said. "(The committee) believes that these residents should have better accommodations than just a two-room, one bathroom apartment."

Jorns also answered questions concerning the recent Board of Governors approval of a tuition

increase of three percent as well as a general student fee increase of four percent.

As a result of these increases, Jorns asked the senate to establish a committee composed of Student and Faculty senate members along with students from the campus "discuss a rational way to deal with tuition increases in the future."

"This would be the first time to my knowledge that a university approached tuition increases in this manner," Jorns said.

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# Poet to present reading in Union

Award-winning poet Sibyl James will present a poetry reading at 4 p.m. today in the Oakland Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

James, a poet from the Northwest, will give examples of both her poetry and prose at the reading.

James is a college professor and has taught at various universities in the

Seattle area.

She was a professor of American literature at the University of Tunis in Tunisia and also taught in the People's Republic of China and in Mexico.

According to a press release, James is an avid traveler and learns about the world by occasionally becoming a "resident foreigner" in another country.

James has had two collections of

poetry published: "The White Junk of Love, Again" (1986) and "Vallarta Street" (1988).

James has also had a collection of essays titled, "In China with Harpo and Karl" (1990) and a book of interrelated short fiction titled, "The Adventures of Stout Mama" (1992).

— Staff report.

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### Forum

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was pleased with the forum despite the unseasonable weather conditions.

"This event was a good idea, but it is just a bad day as far as weather goes," England said. "I think the senate needs to plan more activities that involve the students and get better bar alternatives."

The likelihood of a bar-entry age increase from 19 to 21 was a major issue students questioned senate members about along with complaints about university professors, Treis said. Restructuring Eastern's Dean's List

was also mentioned by students.

Students recommended developing a Dean's List criteria in which a standard student receiving a certain grade point average would make the list instead of restricting the list to the top 10 percent of students in a respective major.

Parking availability for commuters and on-campus students was also a major concern among students. The senate hopes to take action on this issue immediately, Treis said.

"The senate themselves can not solve these concerns, but they can try

to get something done," said Student Body President Luke Neumann.

Senate Speaker Bobby Smith said the forum will have an impact on the upcoming April 20 elections as well.

"I think (the forum) helped the elections greatly," Smith said. "People got petitions signed by students attending the forum."

Freshman Denise Renfro said she came to the forum to fill out the senate's questionnaire because she'd like to see the procedure to register for classes improved.

### Senate

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Speaker of the Senate Bobby Smith told Jorns he as well as the senate have started efforts to establish a committee to look into the tuition matter.

In other senate business, Jorns responded to questions concerning a res-

olution which Student Senate passed calling for increased minorities and minority necessities on campus.

Senate member Lisa Garrison composed a resolution asking for: Basic cosmetic supplies such as hair care products in the Martin Luther King Jr.

University Union, a sincere effort to recruit minority students and faculty, and for University Board to adhere to minority interests by scheduling entertainment which are of interest to minority students.

"This might be just a personal thing to me,"

Jorns said, "but we have to respond to the needs of minorities, because if we don't this community will become too small and insular."

The senate also passed a resolution calling for increased funding for books and periodicals in Booth Library.

### University

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money that is budgeted through the Housing Office," Colbert said. "We get about \$1 million.

"The last time we sold

bonds in order to pay for projects was in 1989," Colbert said. "We sold bonds for these construction projects because we just didn't have \$8 million lying around. Besides, we were afraid if we

waited until we saved to the money in order to do the projects, the original prices would increase."

Mark Shaklee, associate director of housing, also said the university rarely uses

the selling of bonds in order to finance projects.

Although some projects are started before others, Colbert said no one project has priority over the others.

### Local Bar

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be scheduled within 10 days. Muller said the hearing would take place on or before April 15.

The temporary restraining order won't legally solve the bar's problem but would temporarily keep Stu's license from being suspended and avoid "injury" to the business, Muller said.

A temporary restraining order is needed to prevent the establishment to

avoid losing 30 days of business without cause because May 11 is the earliest the Illinois Liquor Commission can hold an appeal hearing, Muller said.

Muller said if the restraining order isn't given and the suspension is carried out, a law suit to compensate for the loss of 30 days business may be filed.

Stu's received the 30-day suspension after it was found guilty of serving an underage police informant during a Feb. 19 compliance check.

At its March 17 hearing, Muller argued the city uses entrapment tactics in its alcohol compliance checks because the police informant appeared to be older than 21.

Underage police informant Matt Stuttle testified that Stu's bartender Joanna Martin sold him a 22-ounce beer. Muller argued that Richard Heuerman, the police officer with Stuttle, actually purchased the beer and said neither man could properly identify the bartender.

## Poly Sci 101: watch your back

YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP) — When City Councilman Geoffrey Rose turned over a voter list to a college freshman to help get out the vote, it didn't occur to him to ask the kid who he was getting out the vote for.

It turns out, the 18-year-old Eastern Michigan University student was looking out for No. 1: He got 32 write-in votes to Rose's 16.

"It was a political move," Councilman-elect Frank Houston said Wednesday. "I wanted him to find out ... but late enough so I could win."

To Rose, who thought he was running unopposed in Monday's primary, it was a prime example of "that dirty, sleazy, whatever-it-takes-to-get-elected attitude."

"Frank is 18 years old and he's already acting like what most people in the country can't stand in elected officials," Rose said.

Rose, a 23-year-old graduate of Eastern Michigan, had recruited Houston in December to help get out the vote. The student-dominated district has a history of low voter turnout.

Houston, who plans to major in political science, seemed to have clout: He helped found the student government newspaper last fall and was running for dorm president and student senate. He won both school offices last week.

Rose even pegged him as a future city councilman and said he'd return the favor some day. While he didn't pay him, Rose offered him a paid job on his campaign, which Houston declined.

"Frank's a good guy — at least I thought so until Monday," Rose said.

Houston said he never told Rose he supported him.

"I didn't purposefully try to back stab Geoff. I never once told him I was pushing for him to win, not once," Houston said. "All I ever said all along was that I was going to get people to vote."

He didn't tell Rose he was running against him because "when you're running as a write-in, every vote does count. That's why I kept it kind of quiet." Houston said the incumbent would have won "if he had done what he was supposed to do" and campaigned on campus.

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# Lighthouse owner favors 21 entry age

By JEREMY R. KIRK  
Staff Writer

The owner of the facility where the Charleston City Council will vote next week whether to raise the bar-entry age from 19 to 21 said he is opposed to keeping the entry age at 19.

Tony Soper, owner of The Light-

house, 2206 Fourth St., said he expressed this opinion at one of three liquor task force forums, which were held in February and March to gauge public opinion on the possibility of raising the entry age.

"I am for an increase in the bar-entry age," Soper said "I think it needed to be done a long time ago."

The Lighthouse is a non-alcoholic

bar alternative.

The council will vote on the bar-entry age issue at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Soper said he was approached by Charleston Mayor Dan Cougill to use his facility for the special City Council meeting to vote on the bar-entry age issue. Cougill had originally said he wanted to conduct the vote on campus, but said Tuesday he didn't

want to hold the meeting on campus because inappropriate behavior could not be controlled in campus buildings.

Soper said he isn't sure whether Charleston police officers will attend the meeting to maintain order.

He also would not specify under what terms the city obtained the room, refusing to say whether or not it was rented.

## Charleston Inn facilities separated

By TRAVIS SPENCER  
City editor

New co-owners of the former Charleston Inn complex are making the building into separate facilities of motels, condominiums and office space.

Tim Yow and Rob Zabka are the new co-owners of the former Charleston Inn. According to Yow, the complex would be divided into 60 motel rooms with five two-room suites, an executive office complex in the west wing and a condominium complex in the east wing.

Yow said the building along Douglas Street would be used for "top of the line" business offices. He said the office complex would have a totally different appearance and a new roof and elevator would also be added.

"We want people to come into Charleston and see an attractive building," Yow said, adding that 20 percent of the office space has already been leased with a handshake.

The other portion that would be utilized as the Worthington Inn and an alcohol and smoke-free restaurant.

Yow said he and Zabka decided to keep the restaurant alcohol- and smoke-free because they would "like to stay off the front page (of newspapers)." However, Yow said mock-tails and alcohol-

free wine and beers would be served.

Yow said he has tentatively hired a management duo from Houston known for their background in food management. The two managers have an extensive background in the restaurant and banquet area while working at the Hyatt Regency for several years.

"The food and banquet is what lost the money for the Charleston Inn," Yow added.

A full-time maintenance worker has also been hired to start on some of the work. Yow said new building problems spring up often while the kitchen and motel rooms are in need of remodeling.

At last Tuesday's meeting, the Charleston City Council decided to have City Attorney Brian Bower draft an ordinance abating more than \$30,000 in back taxes from the Charleston Inn's previous owner.

When the motel opens, the city would abate half of its taxes, and on the motel's one-year anniversary, the other half would be abated. The council is expected to discuss the new ordinance April 19.

Yow said he would like to open the Worthington Inn by Eastern's 1994 fall semester, but said he wouldn't open the establishments until they were fully completed.



By DEE ANNE VILLECCIO/Staff photographer

Flowers wilted in Wednesday's surprise snowstorm. Although temperatures dropped as low as 30 degrees, warm weather is later expected this week.

## Warmer weather is on the way

By NATALIE GOTT  
Staff writer

Warm weather is on its way, despite yesterday's rare April snowstorm, a local weather observer said.

"It seems like winter just won't go away, but there will be a better day," Dalias Price said.

Temperatures should fall in the upper 30s today, and will continue to rise throughout the weekend, Price said.

"The weather will clear up by

Friday, and Saturday will be a delightful day," Price said.

By Sunday, temperatures should peak in the lower 70s, Price said.

He said the rest of April will combine occasional cold temperatures with primarily warmer weather.

"Next week we will have true spring weather in the upper 60s, lower 70s," Price said.

Price said yesterday's snowstorm was not a surprise because he had been anticipat-

ing it since Monday.

Although April snow flurries are sometimes common, yesterday's snowstorm was one of only four since 1900 to accumulate as much as 2 inches. The temperature dropped as low as 30 degrees.

"Midwest weather is such that records are broken," Price said.

Price said the cold weather blew in from the southwest and mixed with the Midwest air, causing the snows.

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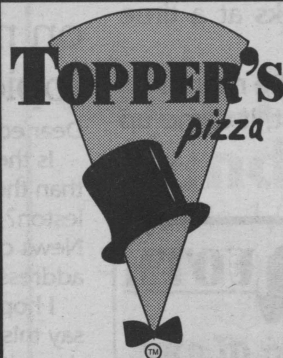
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## Norville another of UB's long list of regretful flops

What could have been a successful event for the University Board quickly turned into yet another flop.

Deborah Norville, former "Today" show host and the UB's much-touted keynote speaker for Women's History and Awareness Month, had an uphill battle on her hands from the day she was announced as the replacement for feminist author and speaker Gloria Steinem. So it was not surprising when her speech fell short on several counts.

Norville's speech fell woefully short of organizers' hopes of drawing a crowd — only about 75 people attended the event. With ticket prices set at \$3 for students and \$6 for the general public, the UB only made somewhere around \$225.

In comparison, the university shelled out more than \$10,000 for the event. The UB received \$8,855 in student fee money alone.

The speech, which sounded more like a beginner's guide to therapy than something appropriate for a month celebrating the history and achievement of women, also fell short of expectations of a women's month speaker.

Instead of making the keynote speech of the month meaningful, Norville chose to expound upon her own personal crises and the pitfalls of stardom.

But in the end, Norville failed for the same reason so many of the UB's events fail — poor planning.

There is the question of why Norville was chosen as the keynote speaker in the first place. Admittedly, the UB had its hands full trying to make up for its unfulfilled promises of Steinem, but Norville isn't known for her leadership or even her prowess as a journalist. She simply didn't appeal to most women or a general audiences.

Last week alone saw no less than four interesting, topical speakers come to Eastern. While this may not sound much of a complaint, keep in mind that Eastern often goes weeks at a time without seeing one speaker.

The UB had the potential to end the month on a memorable note, but as in the past, it came up short.

## TODAY'S QUOTE

**I'm not sure she's capable of any real feeling. She's the television generation. She learned life from Bugs Bunny.**

William Holden

## Eastern should welcome its internationals

Eastern's Strategic Plan articulates a series of goals and objectives that are to be implemented by the year 2000. Among these are several that seek to expand the cosmopolitan flavor of social and academic life on campus.

For example, "Promote a global perspective that will permeate all university activities as well as enhance study abroad and international exchange programs; enhance services for international students."

In the 1993-94 academic year, there are 103 international students enrolled at Eastern. The list of countries is like a catalog for a mini-Olympics.

Here in the heartland of America are representatives from Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, British Virgin Islands, Canada, Cyprus, France, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, People's Republic of China, Phillipines, United Kingdom (England and Scotland), South Africa, Taiwan, Thailand, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Just in case you find yourself on "Jeopardy" and get asked about Myanmar (it stumped me!), it is the new name for the country formerly known as Burma.

A quick poll of a cross section of international students elicited a wide variety of responses. The general question was, "What do you think of Charleston and Eastern?"

Ernest Tanson, an African student from Kpaneo, Ghana, is a member of the Ewe people. He is studying economics. "EIU provides a good atmosphere for serious academic work," he noted, although he added "there is room for improvement."

Tanson thinks much more should be done for international students. He expressed disgust at the role of the bar/drinking culture among the student population.

Elizabeth Lawrie, a British physical education graduate student, likes Charleston: "It is very laid back."

She also finds the university big. As an undergraduate of Heriot-Watt University, she was one of only 500 students.

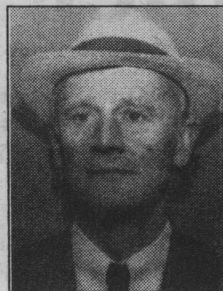
Khanieta Edwards is from a very beautiful city in South Africa called Capetown. It is as huge as Charleston is small.

"I didn't think I'd be able to survive at first," she admitted. "However, people were very friendly and they helped me to adjust."

Yan Li has lived in Charleston for 20 months. Her homeland is the People's Republic of China. She found her first semester here extremely stressful.

"I had an extremely hard time trying to communicate in a foreign language — English," she said. Li added the culture clash was profound and she felt homesick, but a network group called the Chinese Students Committee has played a key role in helping her to do well.

Li wanted me to publicize her successful study credo —



Scott Crawford

**"In the 1993-94 academic year, there are 103 international students enrolled at Eastern."**

"Hard work pays off."

In the fall of this year, International Student Adviser Brigitte Chen informed me the university will welcome more than 40 international students. Chen is eager to see the university and the town of Charleston reviving and energizing the Host Program.

Although the Host Program is not looking for room and board arrangements, offers of temporary housing for new students

would be appreciated.

Chen is eager to hear from anyone who has suggestions as to how to get the Host Program off and running for the 1994-95 academic year. She also wants to hear from anyone willing to become an active member of the Host Program. Chen can be reached at 581-2321.

Chen emphasizes hosting a student does not necessarily mean a big investment in time and effort. "Sometimes a phone call may be all it takes to include your student in any activity that you are planning anyway," she said.

In 1968, I arrived in Philadelphia as a shy and anxious foreigner. The City of Brotherly Love was overwhelming to the eyes of a young man raised in a small Scottish fishing village.

Then, at a student orientation meeting on the University of Pennsylvania campus, I was introduced to my host father. Built like a cement mixer, Jack Asher owned a candy factory and pumped my hand as if determined to crush all life from my fingers.

For the next two years, he and his wife Carole and their three children entertained me in their home and made me feel less of a stranger and more of a fixture in American society.

Hopefully, in a like manner, we as a university community can try to provide a home away from home for Eastern's global growing family.

It may be that sorority and fraternity organizations on Eastern's campus could explore the idea of "Adopt a Student" and become the sister/brother hosting organization for an incoming international student.

Or, are there student clubs that could take it upon themselves to be a collegian family for an international student during their one or two year stay at Eastern?

The German philosopher Goethe noted, "Within us all a universe doth dwell."

Eastern is our collective home. Let's do everything in our power to make it warm and welcoming to this year's arriving international students.

— Scott Crawford is a member of the physical education department and a guest columnist for The Daily Eastern News.



## News should report on more worthwhile topics than bars

Dear editor:

Is there nothing else to report on than the status of the bars in Charleston? Surely The Daily Eastern News can find something better to address.

I hope I am exaggerating when I say this, but it seems like a day doesn't go by without the daily liquor report on the front page. There is at least one edition this semester where every front page article was about the bars.

There must be other issues of

## Your turn

concern on this campus that students would be interested in. Maybe the paper could interview some former students who are Eastern success stories. We have several "celebrities" to select from.

How about if a few of the reporters went around campus and took polls to find out how students feel about certain political issues? The writers could go to different dorms and poll students about the living conditions there, then compare results between dorms.

The paper could run a series on the success of different programs at

Eastern. What majors have the highest job placement?

What are the strengths of particular degree programs? How do our graduate and undergraduate programs compare to those at other state institutions? What kind of job success are we getting? Are students here keeping the jobs they land? In what majors are the students the happiest?

These are some ideas the paper may want to consider. I realize the bar issue is important to many students and is obviously a pertinent topic to report on. Still, I don't think it is that important that it should make the front page as often as it does.

Malcolm McCally



# Whitewater accusations questioned by professors

By **ANDY PURCELL**  
Staff writer

As the Whitewater investigation continues in the nation's capital, some Eastern professors said they have similar opinions about President Clinton's alleged involvement and how the investigation is affecting his work.

The investigation is centered around a failed real estate partnership between the president, his wife Hillary Rodham-Clinton and James and Susan McDougal. The two couples invested in 230 acres of remote and wooded land overlooking the White River in the Arkansas Ozarks in 1978.

At the time of the venture, the McDougals owned Madison Guarantee Savings and Loan Association in Arkansas. Investigators want to know if money was diverted to or from the association, which went bankrupt in the 1980s, to benefit the Whitewater investment, Clinton's presidential campaign or other Arkansas politicians.

Questions have also been raised regarding a possible conflict of interest in Mrs. Clinton's days as a private attorney and Arkansas' first lady. While her husband was governor of Arkansas, Mrs. Clinton represented the McDougals' association before a state regulator appointed by her husband.

After the association folded, Mrs. Clinton's Rose Law Firm represented the government in a case against the accounting firm that did Madison's

bookkeeping.

Richard Wandling, associate professor of political science, said although he is not sure if there has been any wrongdoing, he does think the investigation will definitely affect the work of the Clinton administration.

"I have no idea whether there is any inpropriety, we just need to keep picking up the newspaper every morning," Wandling said. "From a political scientist's perspective, it's definitely a problem for the Clinton administration."

"It's a major distraction in Washington, and it's making it difficult for the administration to pursue its agenda, which includes health care and welfare reforms."

Barbara Poole, associate professor of political science, said her opinion is similar to those of Wandling's. She said interfering with Clinton's progress may be the intention of some Republicans.

"My main concern is the fact that (Clinton) and his staff have had to spend hours and days on this, and it's diverting him from his domestic agenda," Poole said. "He's had to spend a lot of time answering a lot of questions and that may be the goal of some Republicans."

History professor David Mauer said although he thinks there is no substance to allegations of wrongdoing, he thinks if there has been any wrongdoing it involves Mrs. Clinton and not her husband.

"If there has been any wrongdoing at all, I think it's

the wrongdoings of the law firm in Little Rock," Mauer said.

Although Whitewater is nothing more than a failed business venture, political science professor Andrew McNitt said there may be some questionable, but not necessarily illegal, behavior involved.

"There are two issues; legality and appropriate behavior," McNitt said. "Investments on the advice of a friend are legal, but they are questionable when the friend is the wife of the governor."

McNitt said there was obviously "a very close relationship between the (Rose) law practice and the government of Arkansas."

Although some people have compared Whitewater to the Watergate affair of the Nixon administration and the Iran-Contra affair involving President Reagan, both Poole and Mauer say that Whitewater is different.

"I really don't think you can compare this to Watergate and Iran Contra because both are clear examples of misuse of presidential power while the person's actually in office," Poole said.

"I don't think it compares at all to Watergate or Iran Contra," Mauer said. "Nothing to date suggests that there has been any abuse of executive authority; the activities in question all happened before Clinton became president."

All of the professors questioned said it is too early to determine how the Whitewater scandal will affect the Clintons' future.

## Counselor position vacant

By **ADAM McHUGH**  
Administration editor

The recent retirement of Deborah Dykes, an admissions counselor at Eastern, has called for a job search to find an immediate replacement.

Director of Admissions Dale Wolf said the admissions vacancy needs to be filled quickly, as the position plays one of the most important roles in the Office of Admissions - recruiting students from the Chicagoland area.

The Eastern recruiting position, which will be based in the Chicagoland area, concentrates on all suburbs as well as the inner-city area, with a special emphasis on minority recruiting.

"While the position covers the entire Chicago area, one of the major functions of the position is minority recruitment," Wolf said.

Dykes, who held the position for more than

three years, retired this month to open a business in California.

Qualifications for the admissions counselor post include a bachelor's degree and a preference for bilingual ability. Wolf said student personnel experience is also desirable. The deadline for applications is April 13.

Because only one person is currently stationed in the Chicago area and better minority recruitment is needed, Wolf said the recruiting position is extremely important to Eastern.

"We can't have one less person in that area," Wolf said. "More than 50 percent of our campus population is from the Chicago area, it is a focal point of this university."

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## Faculty members sought for award

By **BRETT McMAHON**  
Staff writer

The Distinguished Faculty Award Committee is currently searching for candidates for the award, which is given annually to an outstanding member of Eastern's faculty.

Lankford Walker, head of the committee and an associate professor in the department of accountancy and finance, said there are several qualities the committee looks for in a candidate.

"Superiority, teaching, research, creative ability and service are the aspects the committee will focus on when making its decision," Walker said.

To be considered for the award, a faculty member must fill out an application and get six letters of recommendation from fellow faculty members and students.

Walker said applications were distributed at a March 29 Faculty Senate meeting, and a separate letter was sent to each department chair before spring break.

Additional applications can be obtained from Walker in Room 210 of Lumpkin Hall. Applications and letters should be delivered to Walker's office by April 22.

Walker said information about the award will appear in the University Newsletter April 8.

Once applications have been received and the deadline has expired, a committee consisting of members of the Faculty Senate, President's Office and Alumni Office will meet to select a winner.

The winner will be announced at Eastern graduation ceremonies in May.

## Latino poet to lecture

By **BECKY COLLINS**  
Staff writer

An award-winning poet and journalist will speak at 8 p.m. today in the Grand Ballroom of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union as part of Latino Awareness Week.

Luis Rodriguez, a critic and author of "Always Running: A Memoir of La Vida Loca, Gang Days in Los Angeles,"

will explain his struggle to survive gang warfare, drugs, jail and poverty in his East Los Angeles neighborhood.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, \$1 for students with valid ID and senior citizens and \$3 for the general public.

"He's a wonderful speaker," said Carol Melo, secretary of the Latin American Student Organization. "He talks about the negative image of Latinos

and how there are positive things Latinos can do."

Rodriguez has been featured on National Public Radio, and TV and radio productions in New York, Los Angeles, Chicago, Madison, Wis., Milwaukee, Minneapolis and San Francisco.

He also has a mural documented as part of the Smithsonian Institution's Chicago Mural Documentation Project.

## Senate deadline approaching

By **KAREN WOLDEN**  
Staff Writer

With only one day remaining to return petitions for the upcoming Student Government election, a total of 50 petitions have been released, but only five have been returned.

For candidates to be eligible to run in the April 20 election, the petitions must be completed and returned to the Student Government office in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union by 4 p.m. Friday.

Election Committee Co-chairman Harvey Pettry said he expects a "big rush" of people will turn their petitions by Friday afternoon.

He said more petitions have been released this year than in past elections.

"It's probably up since last year," said Pettry. "I think it's because there's more competition this year."

Unlike past years, this year's election will see competition in the Student Government executive races as well as in the senate races. Three students have declared candidacies for the student body president position.

Pettry said he doesn't think many more students will take out petitions to run in the election.

Write-in petitions will be available on Thursday in the Student Government Office and must be returned by 4 p.m. April 15.

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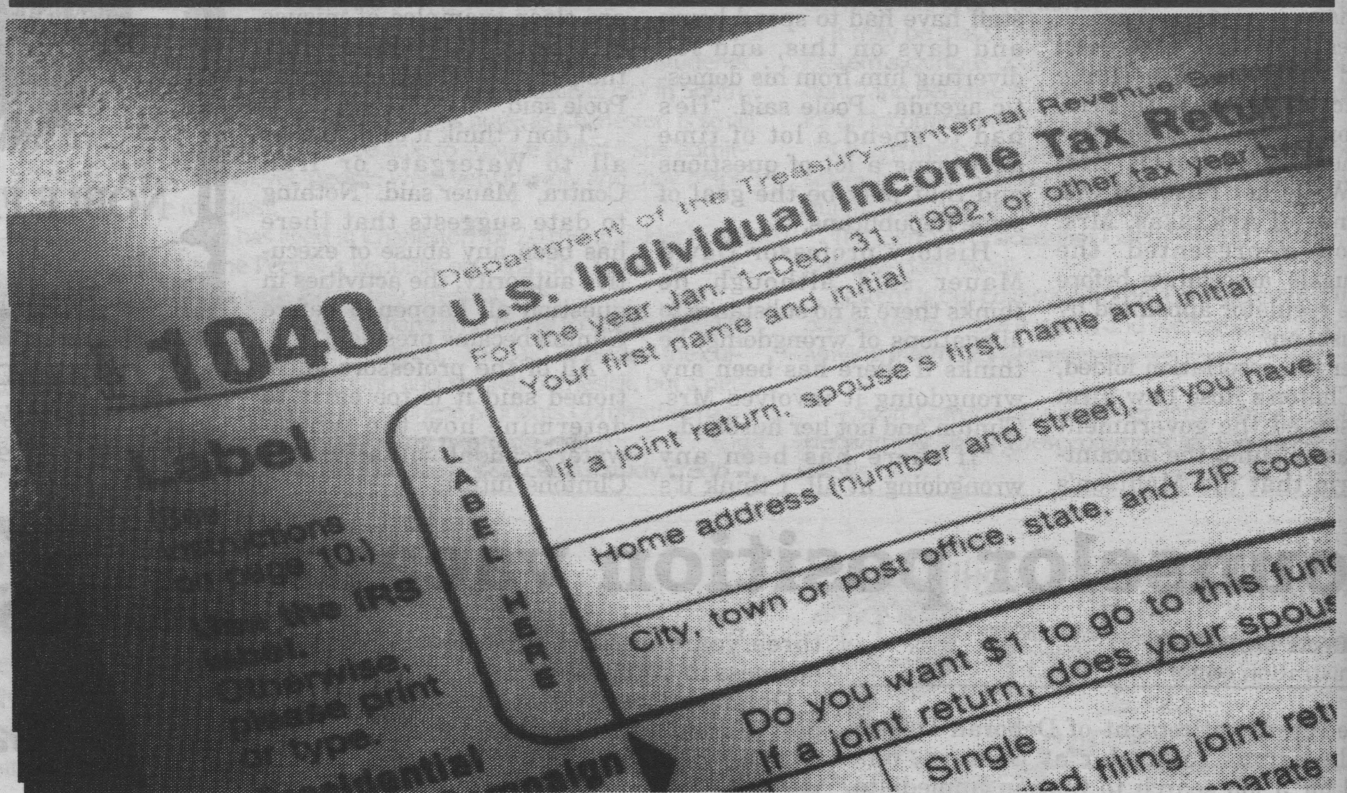
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# Penny for your thoughts? Union says no

By NATALIE GOTT  
Staff writer

In the mind of Vince Toolen, the death of the penny is near.

And this news makes him happy. Toolen, who has served as the Credit Union 1 president for a little over a year, said he would gladly support any movement to eliminate the one-cent coin.

"It (the penny) seems like something we don't make a whole lot of sense for," Toolen said.

He believes all financial transactions would be simplified if prices were rounded off.

"The penny has just been an efficient way to make transactions," Toolen said. "But even at gas stations, they could always just round up to the nearest nickel."

The future of the penny is not as bleak in the eyes of other area bankers, however. "I like the penny,"

**"Nobody prices anything to the penny. The penny really has little or no value."**

— Daniel E. Marvin,  
president First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust

Daniel E. Marvin, president of First Mid-Illinois Bank and Trust, said.

"It has Mr. Lincoln on it. He was indeed one of the finest presidents we have ever had."

Sara Preston, president of Boatman's National Bank, agrees and hopes the penny will live forever.

She said she relies heavily on pennies and never misses a chance to earn another one. "I bend over to pick up a penny whenever I see one. Maybe it is just being an old banker."

What Preston and Marvin find

even more appealing are the "take a penny, give a penny" canisters that sit next to cash registers at gas stations nationwide.

"I use them personally," Marvin said. "If I have some, I leave them. If I need one, I take one. In fact, I have left pennies on cash registers for the next customer."

Even Toolen can't deny that the canisters serve as a customer service. He said the canisters make money transactions easier when tax is involved, and pennies are merely tax

issues.

Marvin agrees.

He shamefully admits to believing the penny is almost worthless, and its only function is to fairly and accurately assign state sales tax.

"Nobody prices anything to the penny. The penny really has little or no value."

Despite its lack of value, Marvin said many people find the penny to be of some financial worth, especially if they have a lot of them.

He said many customers still come into the bank carrying large tubs full of coins, even pennies, and exchange them for dollar bills.

If the penny was eliminated from our currency system, bargain shoppers would feel discouraged, Preston said.

"I always feel like I am getting a bargain if I buy something for \$10.99, rather than \$11," she said.

# Greeks to hold sleep out for area poverty

Event intended to bring poverty to student's attention

By JAM BAGWANEDEE  
Staff writer

Eastern fraternity and sorority members will be attempting to raise awareness to the plight of the homeless when they take part in the Interfraternity

and Panhellenic councils' annual sleep out Friday.

The sleep out will begin at 9 a.m. Friday in front of Old Main. During the event, which will last until 9 p.m., one member from each fraternity and sorority will sit on boxes for a one-hour period.

Organizers hope the event will make students more aware of the homeless problem in Coles County and encourage clothing and food donations.

"By sitting out, we hope to influence others to think

about the problem and, hopefully, support groups that are doing work to solve it," said Brian Hall, IFC community service chairman.

The third annual sleep out was put together by the IFC and Panhellenic councils' community service chairs.

"Each year the sleep out is growing in success, and this year we are expecting our biggest turnout yet," said Kendal Kinshaw, Panhellenic community service chair.

Participants will be expected "to remain somewhat on the serious side to create the mood that this is a serious event. There will be no music played or games ... allowed at the event," Hall said.

Instead, students will be encouraged to read through brochures about homelessness, study or talk with people from other fraternities and sororities.

Kinshaw said almost all of Eastern's greek organizations are involved in the event. Community organi-

zations will also be participating, she said.

"We've contacted Wal-Mart and Wilb Walker's, and they are sending a representative who will bring donations," Kinshaw said.

All donations of food will be given to the Charleston Food Pantry, and all clothing will go to the Clothing Depot. Remaining donations will be given to the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence.

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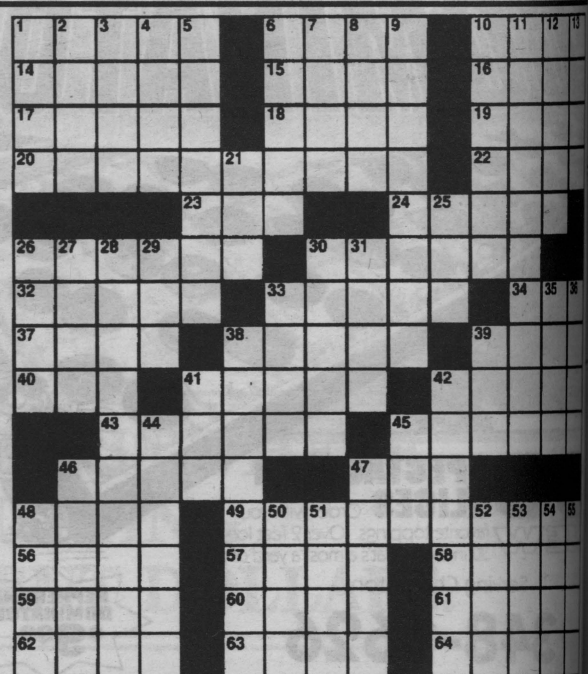
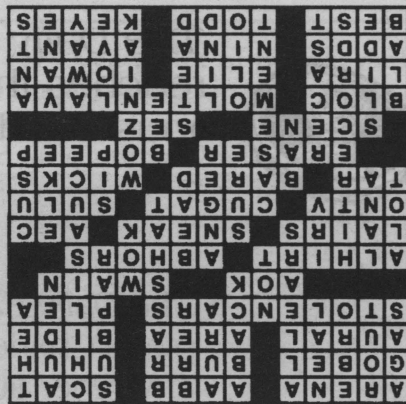
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# Mets complete sweep of Cubs

CHICAGO (AP) — What's this? The New York Mets, losers of 103 games a year ago, unbeaten and in first place? "I don't think you can set up the victory parade for anything yet. A series doesn't make a year. But we came to play in very difficult weather. We took it to the other guys," Mets manager Dallas Green said after Wednesday's 4-1 victory completed a three-game sweep of the Chicago Cubs.

It was the first time the Mets had ever swept a three-game set on the road to open the season, and they're 3-0 for the first time since 1987. Including last season, they've won nine straight.

"We're catching the baseball. That's something we haven't done the last two years. And we have the right blend of guys," said third baseman Bobby Bonilla, who made a excruciating catch of one line drive on a freezing day and

also had a key single in a three-run sixth inning.

"We also made some big moves, getting (Jose) Vizcaino and (David) Segui," Bonilla said.

Bobby Jones allowed five hits in seven innings for the Mets in 35-degree temperatures. A northerly wind at 20 mph blowing from left to right made it even worse.

"I just tried to get the ball over the plate as best as I could," Jones said.

The Mets managed only three hits and didn't have any off former Minnesota starter Willie Banks for the first 5 2-3 innings. The Cubs are now 0-3 for the first time since 1983 when they started 0-6.

Vizcaino, a former Cub, ended Banks' no-hit bid with one out in the sixth when he hit a line drive down the first-base line that went off Steve Buechele's glove for a double.

# Cards, Reds finale rained out

CINCINNATI (AP) — It was cold and raining from the first pitch, the stadium was mostly empty and the game quickly turned into survival rather than baseball.

The final insult: It ended in a tie.

The St. Louis Cardinals and Cincinnati Reds endured conditions more suited for ice hockey Wednesday, and wound up with an NHL-style finish. With field conditions getting dangerous, the umpires called it in the top of the sixth inning with the score tied at 8.

The game will be replayed

in its entirety as part of a doubleheader in August. The statistics count, but the players were more interested in counting goosebumps.

"It was just bad," Cardinals outfielder Mark Whiten said. "We should have never been out there playing. Once you get wet, you're going to get cold." It was 38 degrees with a steady, light rain when the Reds decided to begin the game. The rain turned into a downpour, but the umpires kept it going, hoping to get in an official game.

After several long delays to

let the grounds crew spread a water-absorbing compound and replace the muddy bases, the umpires stopped it with one out in the top of the sixth inning. They were dressed and ready to leave when they called it after the mandatory 1 hour, 15-minute wait.

The Reds sold 20,179 tickets for the game, although there was less than half that number in the stadium. Reds owner Marge Schott doesn't have to make any refunds because the game went five innings. The home team decides whether to begin the game.

# Baseball team rained out again

Eastern's baseball game scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday at Southern Illinois-Carbondale was canceled and will not be rescheduled.

Unplayable field conditions were cited as the reason for the cancellation.

Wednesday's was the second consecutive cancellation the team has endured, the first being Tuesday's scheduled game at home with Purdue.

The Panthers, 5-16 overall and 3-2 in the Mid-Continent Conference, are scheduled to

play a three-game series at Illinois-Chicago beginning Saturday. Game time for the first game of Saturday's doubleheader is 1 p.m. with a single game scheduled for noon Sunday.

— Staff report

# Panthers 16th at Ball State Invite

Final team results from the Ball State Golf Invitational left Eastern in 16th place out of the 23-team field.

Eastern Michigan won the tournament with a team total of 377, followed by Ferris State with 379, Purdue with 381 and Cincinnati with 387. Eastern finished with a 406-stroke total.

Individually, Eastern placed Jeff Schuette, who tied for 40th place in the tournament. In all, a total of 148 golfers competed in the event.

Eastern begins play in the Western Illinois Invitational on Friday in Macomb.

— Staff report

# Sox salvage one in Toronto series

TORONTO (AP) — Robin Ventura and Darrin Jackson each homered twice — with Ventura hitting his fifth career grand slam — and the Chicago White Sox routed the Toronto Blue Jays 9-2 Wednesday night.

Chicago hit five home runs as it beat Toronto following consecutive losses to the Blue Jays in the season's first two games. Ventura twice touched off consecutive home-run bursts, first in the fourth against Pat Hentgen when Dan Pasqua followed.

Jackson pinch hit for Pasqua following Ventura's grand slam off Paul Spoljaric in the seventh and

homered, then hit another in the eighth off Scott Brow.

Wilson Alvarez (1-0) won his eighth consecutive regular-season decision, his ninth overall including a victory in Game 3 of the AL playoffs against Toronto. He allowed one run and four hits in seven innings, struck out four and walked three.

John Olerud led off the fifth with a home run for Toronto, and the Blue Jays got another run in the eighth on a passed ball by Mike LaValliere with Roberto Alomar on third.

Hentgen, who allowed three runs and six hits in six innings, fell behind on Frank Thomas' RBI single

# Jordan strokes two in batting practice

HOOVER, Ala. (AP) — Sure, it was only batting practice. But that look was unmistakable Wednesday.

It was the sly, confident grin Michael Jordan had displayed so many times on the basketball court. It was the engaging smile that again creased his face as he belted not one, but two balls over the left-field wall at Hoover Metropolitan Stadium.

"You better get you some Wheaties," said Jordan, ever the consummate salesman, when teammate Kerry Valrie followed him in the batting cage but couldn't match his long-ball feat.

"In spring training, he started messing around with me about who could hit more out each day," Valrie said. "So far, he's up about four days on me." Maybe it was the medicine ball, similar in size to a basketball but much heavier, that Jordan worked out with at the start of practice. Maybe, as he admonished Valrie, it was the

Wheaties.

Whatever the case, Jordan looked much more comfortable with his 34-ounce bat than he did Tuesday during his first workout with the Barons. He hammered the soft, straight tosses of manager Terry Francona to all fields and even out of the park.

On his second session in the cage, Jordan launched a 355-foot drive to left that barely cleared a wall splattered with advertisements for banks, restaurants and other assorted professions. An outfielder tried to run it down but ran out of room, turning to bow to the grinning Jordan.

The next time in the cage, Jordan blasted one even further, easily clearing the 340-foot sign just inside the foul pole.

"He's not going to come out the first day and hit .320," said Barons hitting coach Mike Barnett. "But he's progressed so far in such a short period of time."

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# Network affiliate fights CBS to air Bears games

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — The city's CBS affiliate accused the network Wednesday of targeting it to intimidate other stations that might be considering carrying Fox football broadcasts this fall.

"We're taking the gloves off," said WSBT-TV general manager James Freeman.

WSBT has signed an agreement with the Fox Broadcasting Co. to televise Chicago Bears games this fall. CBS, which carried NFC games for 38 years until Fox won the contract last winter, says that will prevent the station from airing the popular "60 Minutes."

And CBS has said no "60 Minutes" could mean no network affiliation for WSBT.

"It is clear that CBS would rather issue veiled threats from its New York offices than consider the needs of local viewers," Freeman said.

CBS spokeswoman Ann Morfogen denied the network was trying to steer affiliates away from Fox football. The only issue is WSBT's ability to carry "60 Minutes" on Sunday nights, she said.

WSBT claims it would be able to delay its Sunday night programming if football games ran over their time

slot. The network routinely has delayed programming under those circumstances in the past, but it has been done across the board, Morfogen said.

No single station will be allowed to delay "60 Minutes," the nation's highest-rated news program, she said.

"It is an integral part of our network, and ... we simply cannot allow '60 Minutes' to be delayed," Morfogen said.

CBS has had preliminary talks with WSJV, the area's ABC affiliate, about showing "60 Minutes."

## Conference

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Division including Eastern, Western, Chicago State, Northeastern, Valparaiso and Missouri-Kansas City.

An East division will also exist and will include Central Connecticut, Buffalo, Youngstown State and Troy State.

But while these are the guidelines for most sports in the conference, the rules are different for both men's and women's basketball. In other words, divisional play will not begin for basketball until at least 1995-96.

The scheduling format for next year will remain the same, with all 10 teams playing each other twice. Considering that, one assumption is that Mid-Con basketball teams will be doing an incredible amount of traveling. Ippoliti doesn't agree.

"I resent the fact that people are taking this negatively," Ippoliti said. "Just look at the scheduling. Don't basketball teams travel all over? Do we ever question the Great Midwest? The Big Ten? Did anyone question the Big Eight when they went out and got some other

schools?

"People look at us as an isolated case, and we're not. If you never travel, you'll get beat on recruiting. It's always a real plus to have various areas for an individual to travel and play."

According to Ippoliti, the Mid-Con men's basketball format will use that 10-team structure for next season and play a conference postseason tournament, which will still include the top eight teams.

An automatic bid to the NCAA tourney is not in the equation until the 1995-96 season.

"Our goal is to have eastern schools play in a double round robin format," said Ippoliti, "and have the other schools play them once to cut travel to every other year. That's truly cost containment."

Ippoliti said that the Mid-Con is looking to get some more schools to balance out the soon-to-be existing divisions.

"Our goal is to go at least with six teams in the east and with six in the west," Ippoliti said. "We've got some teams we are looking at and talking to, but it wouldn't be fair to them to bring their names up now."

## Valpo

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the road.

Central Connecticut State took its lumps this year, finishing 4-22. Chicago State was one game worse, winding up with a 4-23 record.

Two sleepers next year could be Missouri-Kansas City and Troy State. Missouri-KC

went 12-17 overall, and Troy State, until recently a Division-II program, finished 13-14.

"Kansas City is a well-represented program with an emphasis on basketball," said Samuels, "and Troy State has been a very strong Division-II program that can score an unbelievable amount of points.

That kind of program is always dangerous."

If anything, the new alignment will make for some fresh match-ups and new rivalries.

"I'm looking forward to developing some new rivalries that will be going through the next few years," Samuels said. "That's a challenge we'll look forward to."

## Bears cut McMichael

LAKE FOREST (AP) — The Chicago Bears on Wednesday announced they have waived veteran defensive lineman Steve McMichael. But team officials said he may return next season.

McMichael, at 36 the oldest Bear last season, is now free to negotiate with any NFL team without the Bears being compensated.

"In over 20 years of coaching, I don't know if I've been around a more dedicated and intense competitor than Steve McMichael," said head coach

Dave Wannstedt. "We'll evaluate our situation as we approach training camp and, if Steve is available, perhaps we could re-sign him." Club President Michael McCaskey said, "Steve epitomizes what it means to be a Chicago Bear."

"He is an intense, hard-working player who provides great leadership; but the reality of the situation is that we are restricted by the salary cap, and this is one of the difficult decisions that we have to make."

## Void

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and shot-blocker at Bedford North Lawrence in Indiana, the same high school that produced Indiana guard Damon Bailey.

Shaver, an Indiana all-state honorable mention, apparently made a verbal commitment to play basketball for Eastern in the fall. Because of NCAA restrictions, Samuels couldn't say much.

"All I can say is that we're recruiting him," he said.

Shaver averaged 12.9 points and nine rebounds for North Lawrence, which went 17-7 this year.

A full-time center in high school, the 200-pound Shaver could be either a center or a power forward in college.

The Panthers are also recruiting 6-7 shooting standout Ryan Luechtefeld, a Class A all-stater who averaged 21 points for Okawville this past season.

Both players can make their decisions official when the NCAA spring signing period begins April 13.

"If we were to make any more additions, we would probably be looking for a perimeter player who can score," Samuels said. "Probably someone who can shoot the three-point shot."

In the early signing period last month, Eastern signed 6-5 guard Rick Kaye from Conant, 6-9 Eric Frankfort of Bethalto Civic Memorial and 6-9 Eric Minor of Hillcrest. This leaves Eastern with one scholarship left to give.

## Track

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Saturday will field full teams, according to Craft, while the other teams will bring a few individuals to compete in specific events.

Illinois State University, Lincoln University, University of Illinois, Indiana State University and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee are a few teams that Craft thought would field some tough competition.

One Lady Panther who will benefit from tough competition is Kiya Thomas. She's looking to improve on her best times in the 1500 and 3000 meter events. In most every meet she has participated in, she's been without a challenge in her key events.

"She's going to be challenged in this meet because there is a girl from (University of) Illinois in the 1500, Becky Garrett, who was the state champion three years ago from Sparta, and she ran a 4:33 in 1500," Craft said. "That's going to be a good race."

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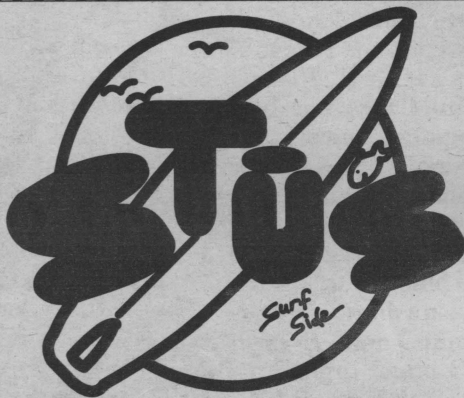
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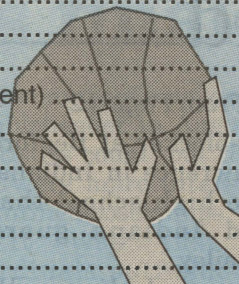


# Have conference, will travel



Where the Eastern men's basketball team fits into the new Mid-Continent Conference based upon 1993-94 overall records

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Chicago State (ECC)	4-23



## Mid-Con hoops teams to hit the road

By **RANDY LISS**  
Associate sports editor

The Mid-Continent Conference's almost complete overhaul has prompted many questions over the past four months.

In mid-December, six schools decided to leave the conference and join the Mid-western Collegiate Conference. About a month later, the Mid-Con picked up six new schools from the now-defunct East Coast Conference and brought

league membership back up to 10.

With this new formation, two questions arise. First, how does this realignment affect the league's featured sport — men's basketball? Secondly, will problems arise from travel between New York schools and Illinois schools?

Before addressing these concerns, Mid-Con Commissioner Jerry Ippoliti preferred to clarify what has transpired in recent months.

"Do not call it a merger. It is

not a merger," Ippoliti said of the Mid-Con's union with the former East Coast Conference members. "We're simply looking at it as new membership."

Those new members include Troy State, the University of Buffalo, Central Connecticut State, Chicago State, Northeastern Illinois and the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Missouri-KC was an independent school this year.

The league will split into two divisions next year, a West

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## Valpo cream of new crop

By **RANDY LISS**  
Associate sports editor

Look at the task Eastern basketball coach Rick Samuels is faced with this off-season.

Six new schools. Six new teams. How do you prepare for teams you've never seen before?

"The problem is, I'll have to chase down information on schools that I know very little about," Samuels said. "My personal opinion is that Valparaiso, Eastern and Western are the best returning teams in the league. How the league stacks up after that, I'm kind of unsure."

The assumption that Eastern and Valpo could romp in a diluted conference is not unfounded. In the new alignment, Valpo was the only 20-game winner overall.

And Eastern defeated the would-be second place team, Northeastern Illinois, on the road 74-69 in December.

The University of Buffalo could be tough, with a student body of 40,000 and a state-of-the-art facility that seats around 12,000. But all that size didn't help Buffalo this season, as it won 10 games all year and went only 3-12 on

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## Panthers looking to fill big man void

By **RANDY LISS**  
Associate sports editor

When the Eastern men's basketball season ended last month, the team lost its two most consistent forces in the middle — seniors Curtis Leib and Darrell Young. But the

Panthers may have a long-term answer to that problem.

Eastern is apparently close to signing high school recruit Michael Shaver, a 6-foot-9 center. Shaver is the all-time leading rebounder

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# Pepsi Track Invitational starts today

## Decathlon kicks off home meet for men

By **BRIAN HARRIS**  
Staff writer

The men's track team will host its only home meet of the season Saturday. It will lead off with a two-day decathlon beginning today at 10:30 a.m.

The decathlon features 10 events, five run each of the two days, that test an athlete's overall skill in various facets of track and field. World champion decathletes are considered by some to be the greatest athletes in the world.

Eight competitors are expected to toe the line at the EIU Invitational this morning, two of them being Panthers.

Collegiate decathletes don't get many chances to test their abilities. For Dan Holzer and Darrell Brower, this will be their first of the season.

Neither competed at the Alabama relays, Eastern's season opener, two weeks ago because of injury and illness, but head coach Neil Moore said both are ready to go.

Moore said that Holzer, a junior, is just returning from a hamstring injury, but that at his best is a potential winner.

"He's been undergoing therapy and rehabilitation," said Moore. "He's walking on thin ice, but he's going to give it a shot. If he's healthy, he'll be a contender."

Brower, a freshman, will be competing in his very first decathlon.

The first set of events to be run today include the 100-meter dash, long jump, shot put, high jump and the 400-meter dash. Tomorrow's schedule includes the 110-meter high hurdles, discus, pole vault, javelin and the 1500-meter run.

The top seed in the competition is Andy Chizzo of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, who has turned in a score of 6400 points.

Moore said the weather is no object, that sunny or snowy, the competition will go on nevertheless.

"We're gonna go and were not gonna stop," said Moore. "You never know (about the weather). We'll do the best we can."



**JEFF CULLER/Staff photographer**  
Freshman Joseph Jones, a member of Eastern's men's track team, practices the hammer throw in Lantz Fieldhouse Wednesday afternoon.

## No Lady Panthers participating today

By **JOHN COX**  
Staff writer

Runners from 18 schools will be represented in the EIU Pepsi Invitational, Eastern's first home meet of the year which will begin today.

Eastern doesn't have anybody entered in the seven-competitor field for the heptathlon, today's opening competition, so the Lady Panthers will have a well-needed break before they begin competing on Saturday.

"We came off of a fairly good weekend down at Southwest (Missouri State) and we're hoping for some better performances this weekend," Craft said.

"Amy Bersig will be back in the lineup," Craft said of the junior who sustained a broken nose last week. "(High jumper) Tiffany Jansen has had a neck problem from landing on the upper part of her neck. Her technique has improved so much that when she goes over the bar now, she's really getting her head back and flipping back over like she should."

Kala Scott was another example of a Lady Panther competing with pain. Last weekend, she placed in the top four of three of the individual events that she competed in with a nagging ankle injury. Saturday's meet will be a good test for the jumper/hurdler if she can maintain a stable ankle.

"We are going to have a very good, high caliber meet," Craft said. "Some people are sending their best people, other teams are not sending their best people. This is an unscored meet so it's not going to hurt a team to send partial teams here and they're not going to end up at the bottom end of everything."

Only seven of the 18 teams coming

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